

We claim:

1. Method for cleaning the surface of a cylinder in a printing press with a blanket  
treated with a solvent of high viscosity, taken from a supply roll, brought into  
operating contact with the surface to be cleaned by pressing means and  
subsequently rolled up in a roll with the soiled blanket

whereby

a cleaning medium for solving the soiling is applied to the surface to be  
cleaned and the solved soiling is taken up and removed by a blanket treated  
with a solvent.

2. Method according to claim 1,

whereby

the additional cleaning medium is applied by an application device.

3. Method according to claim 1,

whereby

the cleaning medium is the dampening solution.

4. Method according to claim 1,

whereby

the dampening solution is provided by the dampening unit.

5. Method according to claim 1,

whereby

the dampening solution is applied to the plate cylinder and transferred from this to the impression cylinder.

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